

PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Hideo YAHAGI

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For: EXHAUST EMISSION CONTROL SYSTEM OF INTERNAL COMBUSTION
ENGINE

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Director of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
Washington, D. C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to initial examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 3, and 7-9 as follows:

Claim 3, line 2, change "1 or 2" to --1--.

Claim 7, line 2, change "any one of claims 3 through 6" to --claim 3--.

Claim 8, line 2, change "any one of claims 3 through 7" to --claim 3--.

Claim 9, line 2, change "any one of claims 3 through 8" to --claim 3--.

REMARKS

Claims 1-10 are pending. Claims 3 and 7-9 are amended to eliminate multiple dependencies. Prompt and favorable consideration on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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